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NMFS Announces Additional Public Hearings for the Proposed Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Quotas and Atlantic Tuna Fisheries Management Measures

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces two additional public hearings for the proposed rule regarding Atlantic bluefin tuna quotas and Atlantic tuna fisheries management measures (76 FR 13583, March 14, 2011). These public hearings have been added to provide additional opportunities for the public and other interested parties to comment on the proposed rule. The dates and locations of the additional public hearings are listed below.

April 25, 2011, 6 to 9 p.m. Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME

April 26, 2011, 6 to 9 p.m. Seaport Inn and Marina, 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA

Please go to www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/breaking_news.htm to view the proposed rule and supporting documents. You may submit comments (identified by "0648-BA65") through April 28, 2011, by using any one of the following methods:

- Submit electronic comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal http://www.regulations.gov
- Fax: 978-281-9340, Attn: Sarah McLaughlin
- Mail: Sarah McLaughlin, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930

To be considered, electronic comments must be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal http://www.regulations.gov. Do not submit electronic comments to individual NMFS staff.

This notice is a courtesy to Atlantic tuna fisheries participants to help keep you informed about the fisheries. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information, contact the Highly Migratory Species Management Division at 978-281-9260.

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